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SUBJECT: PEOPLE'S DAILY PRINTS MAO QUOTATION ON CRITICISM

OF POISONOUS WEEDS AND FREAKS AND MONSTERS

1. JANUARY 12 PEOPLE'S DAILY PRINTS IN FRONT PAGE BOX GENERALLY
RESERVED

FOR MAO QUOTATIONS THE FOLLOWING THOUGHT FROM MAO: "WE MUST
CARRY ON CRITICISM WHENEVER THERE IS MISTAKEN IDEOLOGY,
WHENEVER THERE ARE POISONOUS WEEDS, WHENEVER THERE ARE
FREAKS AND MONSTERS; WE ABSOLUTELY MUST NOT ALLOW THEM TO
RUN RAMPANT."

2. COMMENT: WE FIND THE MILITANT TONE OF THE QUOTATION
STRIKINGLY REMINISCENT OF THE OCTOBER 9 JOINT EDITORIAL
SIGNALLING THAT A DECISION TO MOVE AGAINST TOP LEADERS
HAD BEEN TAKEN. AT THE MINIMUM, THIS QUOTATION PROVIDES
TACIT SANCTION TO THE TIENANMEN POSTERS CRITICAL OF NATIONAL
LEADERS. IT MAY SIGNIFY MUCH MORE: A DECISION TO BREAK
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THE CURRENT LEADERSHIP DEADLOCK WITH ANOTHER DRAMATIC MOVE
AGAINST THE OPPOSITION.

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